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REMARKS

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/320,543, filed May 27, 1999.

Claims 1-40 were originally filed. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-40 and added new claims 41-64. Accordingly, claims 41-64 will be pending herein upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination on the merits. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action on the merits of the pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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FIG.2

FIRST EMBODIMENT(GENERAL CONFIGURATION)

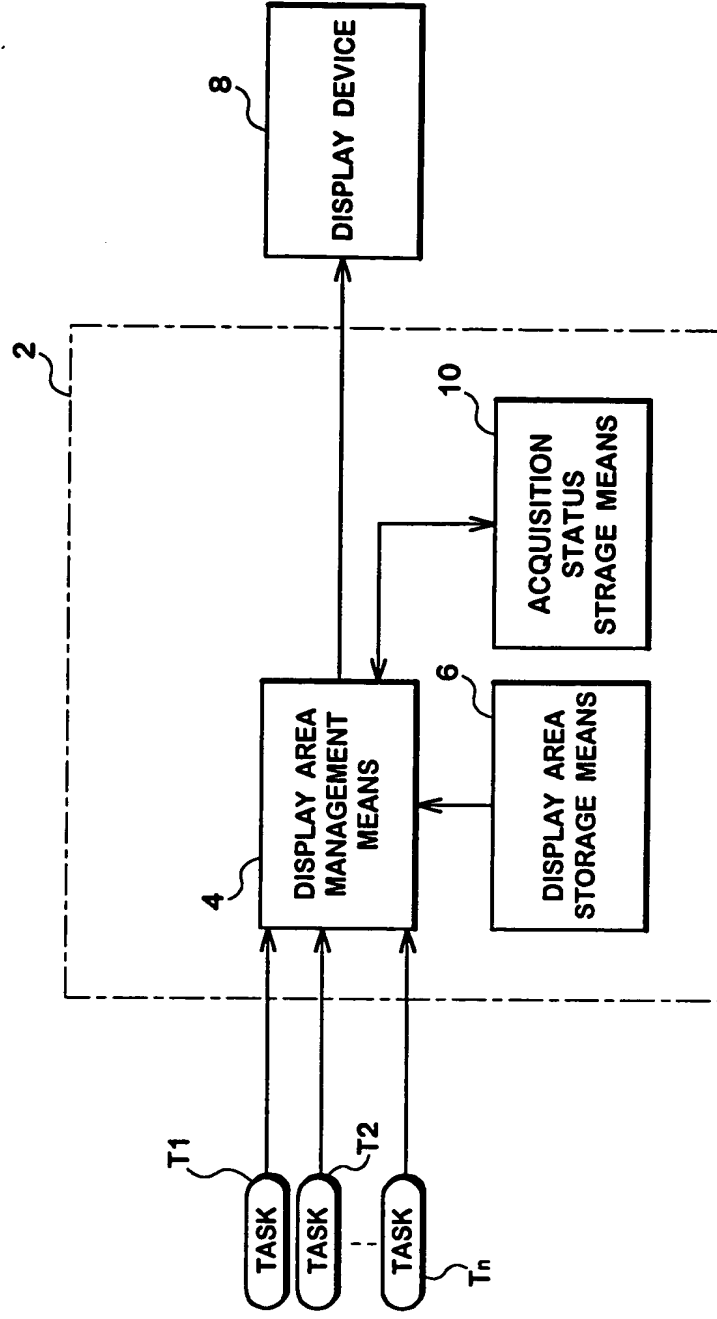


FIG.3

FIRST EMBODIMENT (HEADWARE CONFIGURATION)

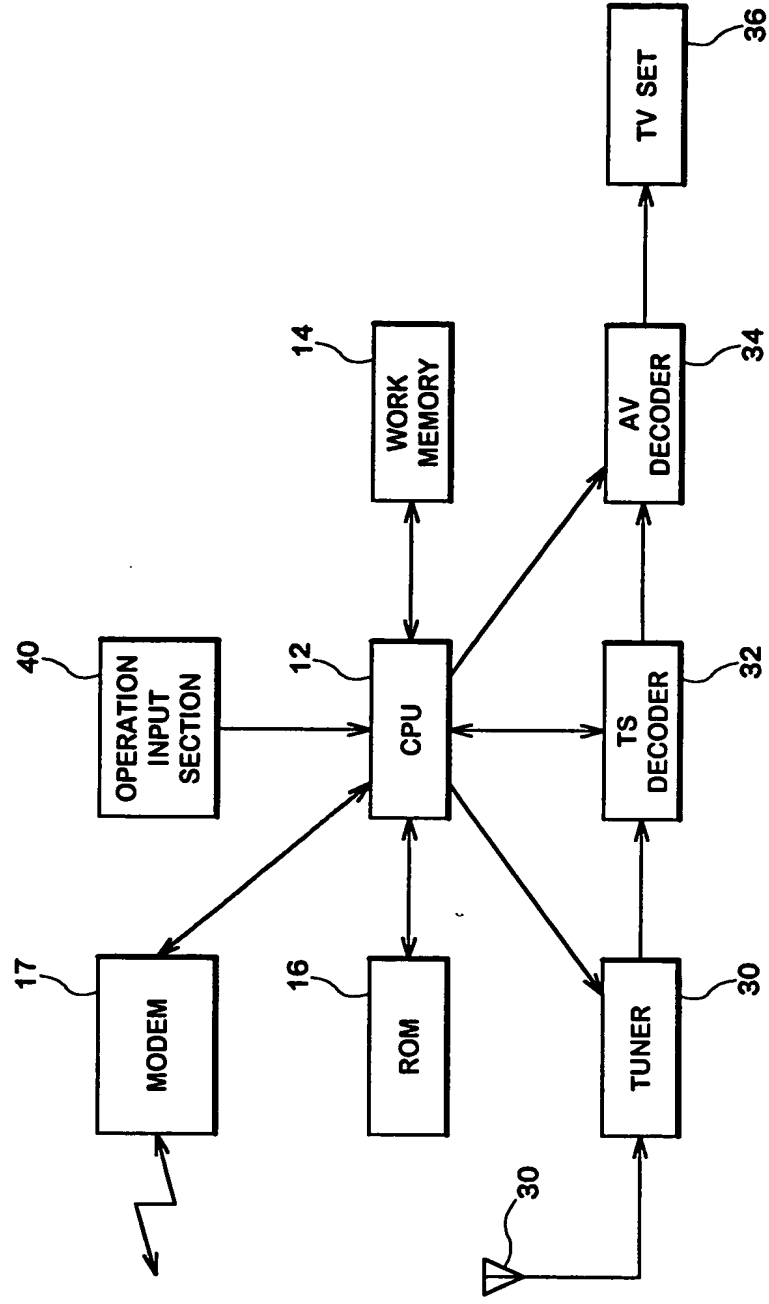


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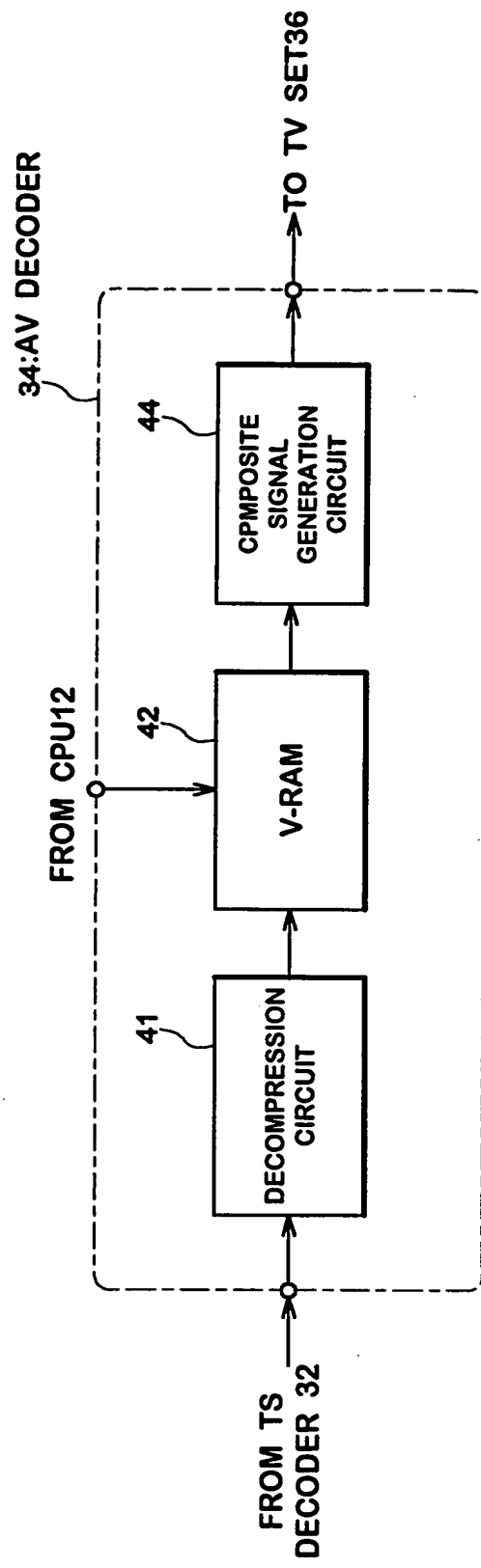


FIG.6

DISPLAY AREA DEFINITION TABLE

| AREA | ORIGIN COORDINATE | WIDTH | HIGHT | REMARKS |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| E 1 | (0, 0) | 340 | 210 | UPPER LEFT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E 2 | (340, 0) | 340 | 210 | UPPER RIGHT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E 3 | (0, 210) | 680 | 210 | LOWER HALF SCREEN AREA |

FIG.13

SECOND EMBODIMENT(GENERAL CONFIGURATION)

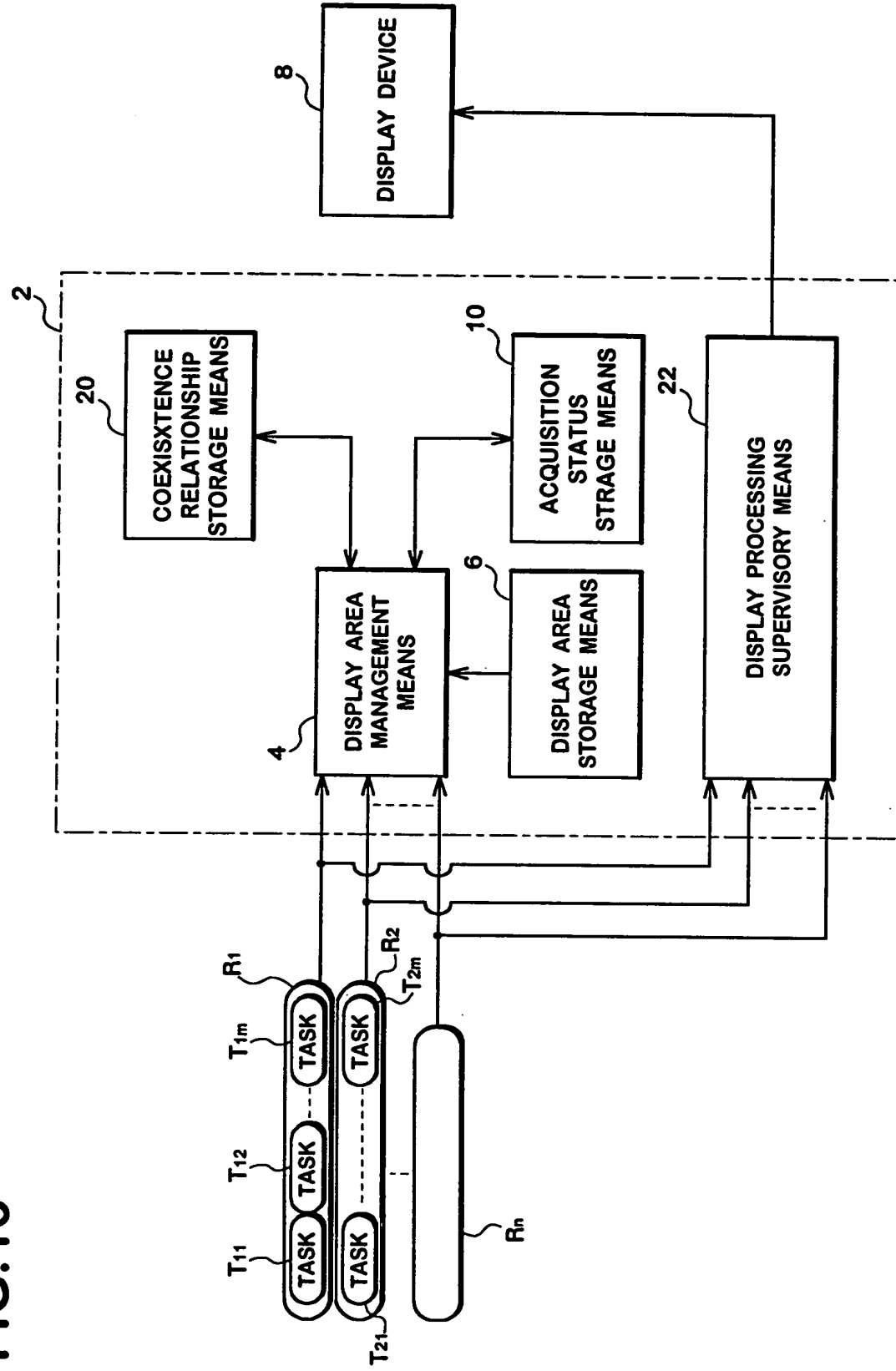


FIG.14

DISPLAY AREA DEFINITION EXAMPLE

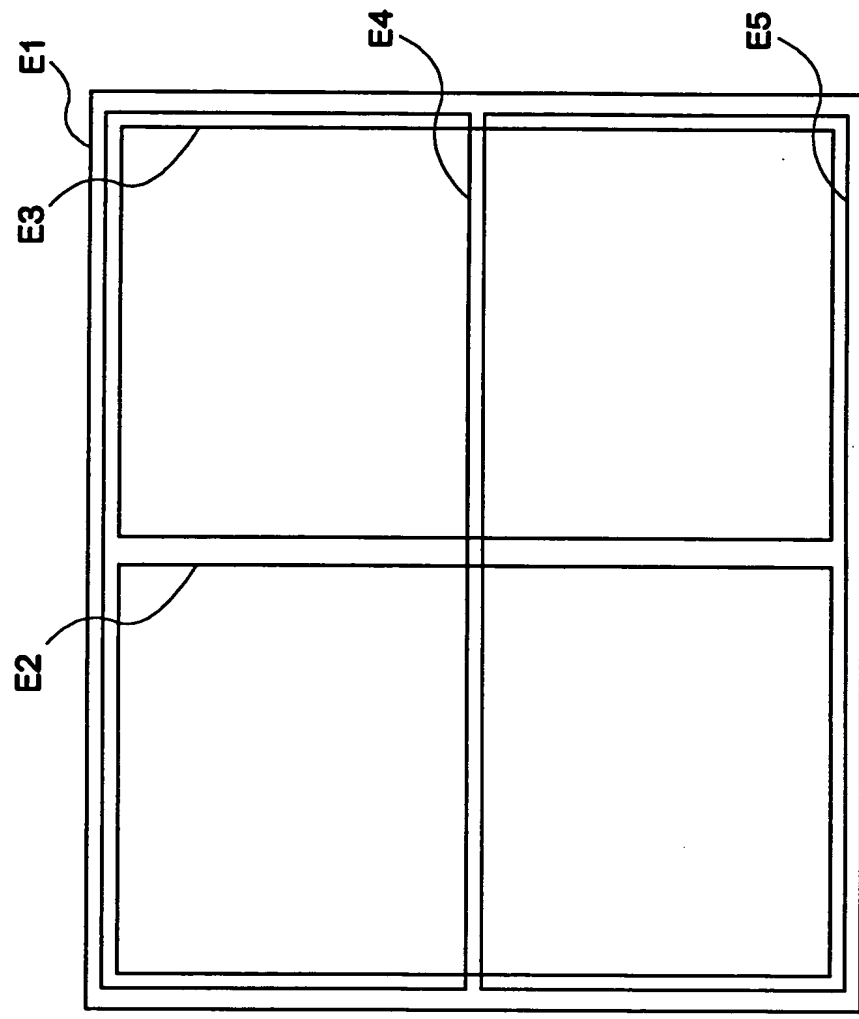


FIG.15

DISPLAY AREA DEFINITION TABLE

| AREA | ORIGIN COORDINATE | WIDTH | HEIGHT | REMARKS |
|------|----------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|
| E1 | (0, 0) | 680 | 420 | ENTIRE SCREEN AREA |
| E2 | (0, 0) | 340 | 420 | LEFT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E3 | (340, 0) | 340 | 420 | RIGHT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E4 | (0, 0) | 680 | 210 | UPPER HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E5 | (0, 210) | 680 | 210 | LOWER HALF SCREEN AREA |

FIG.32

FIFTH EMBODIMENT(GENERAL CONFIGURATION)

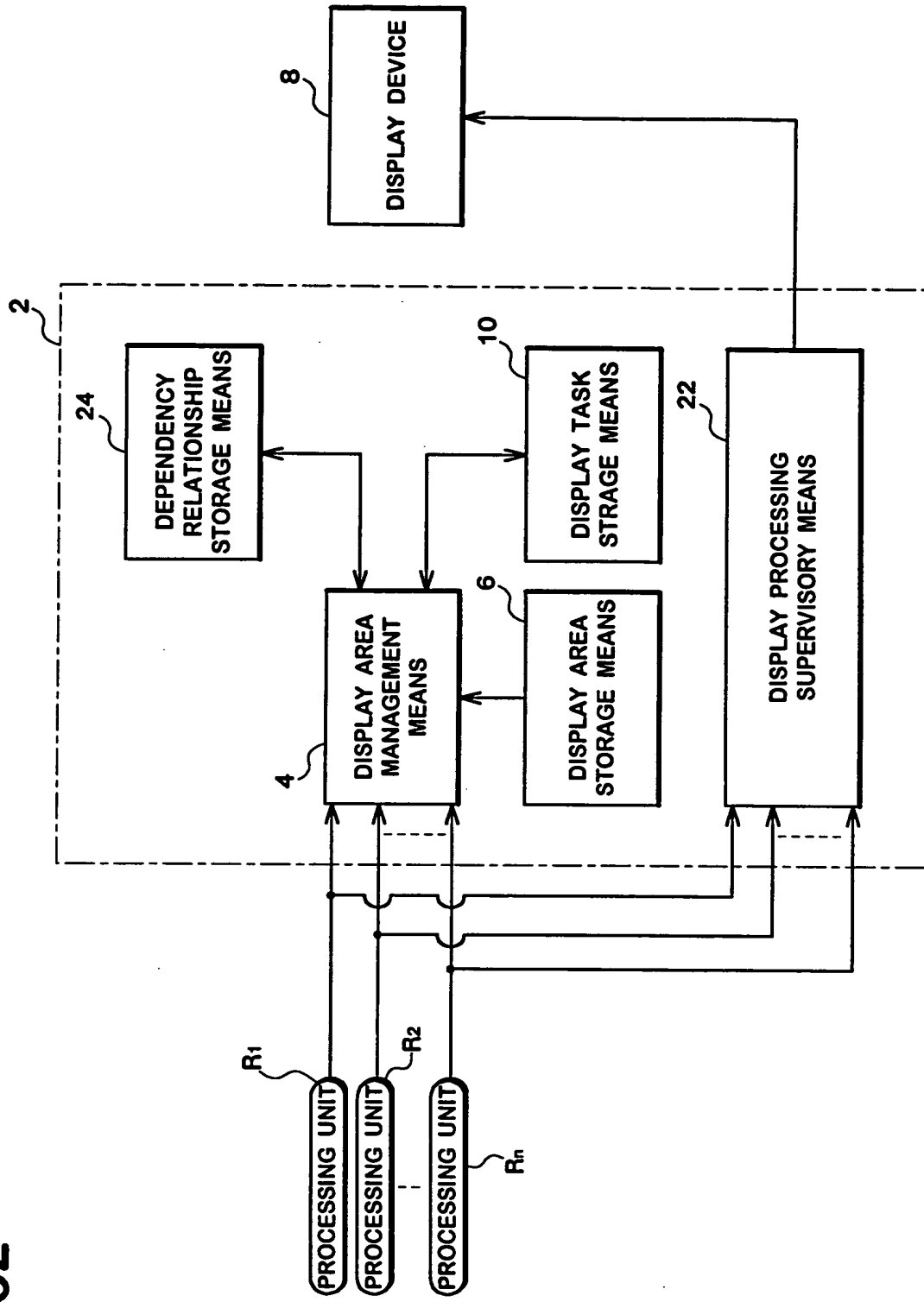


FIG.33

DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIP TABLE

| AREA | AREA TO DEPENDON | AREA TO BE CHANGED |
|------|------------------|--------------------|
| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| E 2 | E 1 | E 3 |
| E 2 | E 4 | E 3 |
| E 2 | E 5 | E 3 |
| ↓ | ↓ | ↓ |
| E 5 | E 1 | E 4 |

FIG.36

SIXTH EMBODIMENT(GENERAL CONFIGURATION)

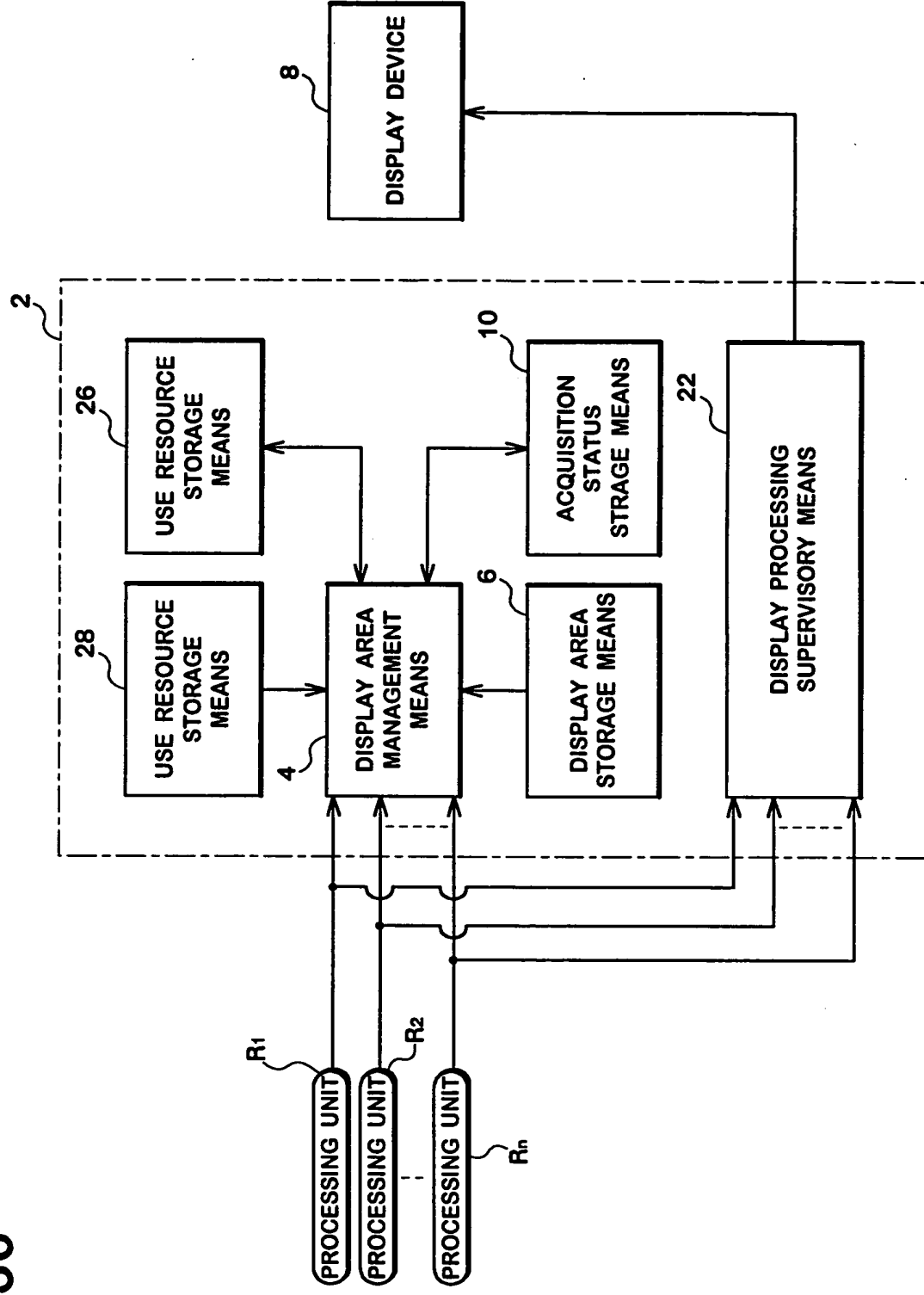


FIG.39

SIXTH EMBODIMENT (FLOW CHART OF ACQUISITION REQUEST PROCESSING)

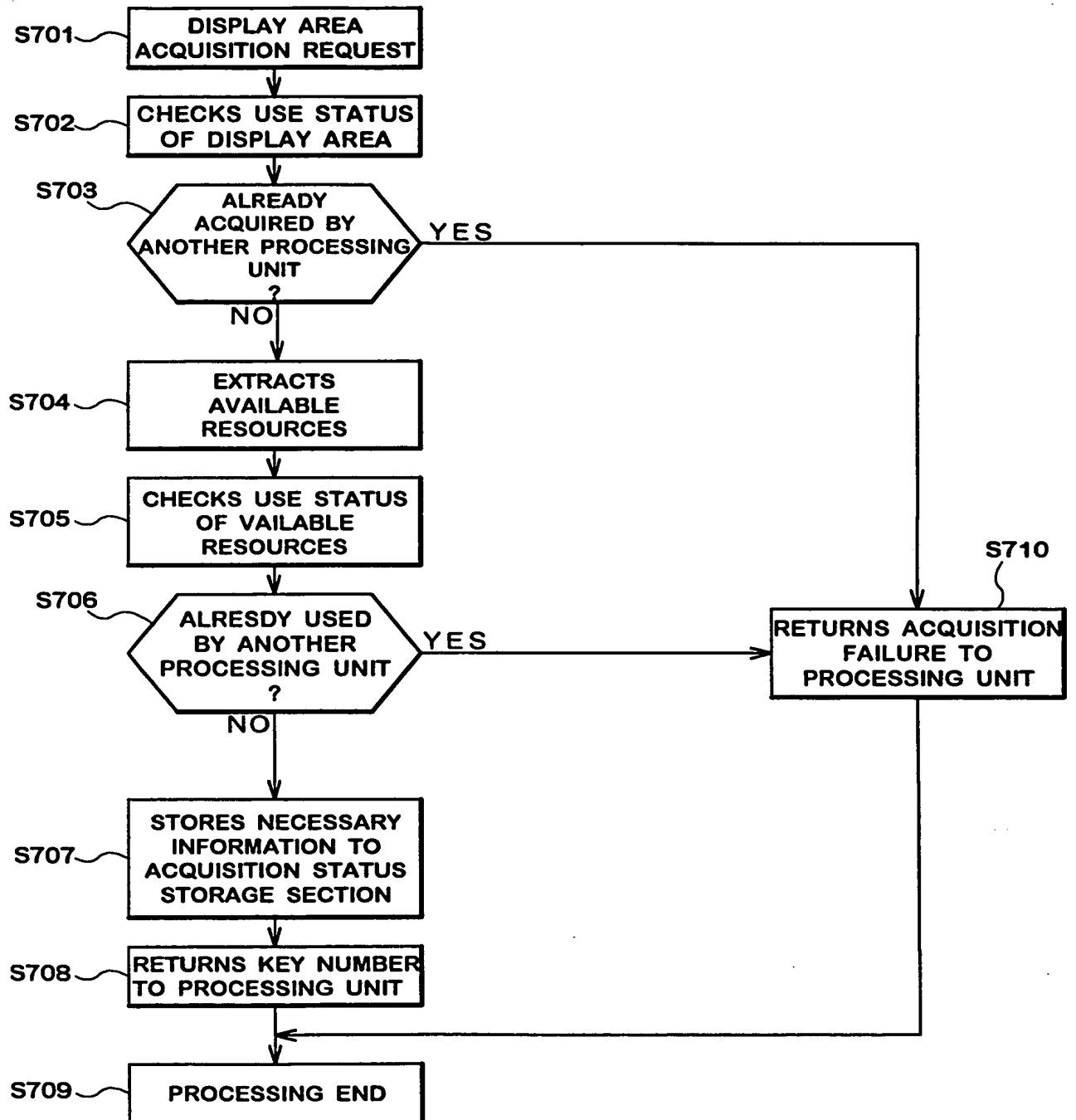


FIG.47

DISPLAY AREA DEFINITION TABLE

| AREA | ORIGIN COORDINATE | WIDTH | HIGHT | REMARKS |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| E 1 | (0, 0) | 340 | 210 | UPPER LEFT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E 2 | (340, 0) | 340 | 210 | UPPER RIGHT HALF SCREEN AREA |
| E 3 | (0, 210) | 680 | 210 | LOWER HALF SCREEN AREA |

FIG.48

ACQUISITION RIGHT INFORMATION TABLE

| AREA | TASK |
|------|------|
| E 1 | T 1 |
| E 2 | T 2 |
| E 3 | T 3 |

FIG.49

**EIGHTH EMBODIMENT
(FLOW CHART OF ACQUISITION REQUEST PROCESSING)**

